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January 6, 2003

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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the following Amendments of the Council of Fresno County of Governments (COFCG) 2002/03-2007/08 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP):

- | <u>No.</u> | <u>Description</u>  |
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| <b>5</b>   | <b>Local Element</b><br>Changes the scope of a street sweeper project programmed under the Congestion Mitigation & Air Quality (CMAQ) Program from compressed natural gas (CNG ) powered sweeper to "green" or "bio" diesel fueled sweeper. The amendment will not result in any cost change.   |
| <b>6</b>   | <b>Local Element</b><br>Increases CMAQ funding for the construction phase in FY 02/03 by \$44,100 for the City of Firebaugh's walking trail project.  |
| <b>8</b>   | <b>State Element</b><br>Transportation Enhancement Activities (TEA) Program: Modifies the limits of the "Route 99 (Shaw Avenue to McKinley Avenue) State landscaping project" in the City of Fresno. The amendment also transfers \$109,000 from the preliminary engineering phase to the construction phase in FY 02/03. See enclosures. |

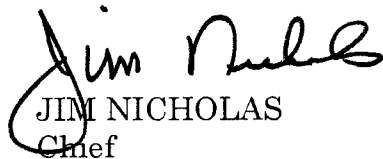
I am also recommending that the Federal Highway Administration and the Federal Transit Administration approve these FTIP Amendments for inclusion into California's 2002/03-2004/05 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP). Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP are not approved as part of these FTIP Amendments and are shown for information only.

The updated programming is for project types within Table 2 & 3 - Exempt Projects, of 40 CFR § 93.126 that are exempt from the conformity determination requirement, or have been found by the COFCG to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, these FTIP Amendments are consistent with the State Implementation Plan. The financial impacts of this amendment are compatible with anticipated revenues in the FSTIP Financial Plan and do not significantly affect the overall financial analysis. These projects are included and submitted by COFCG through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS). Caltrans concerns, if any, are reflected in the "Caltrans comment" section of the FTIP Project Data Entry screen in CTIPS project by project.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. The COFCG prepared these FTIP Amendments under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Muhaned Aljabiry of my staff, at (916) 654-3521.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jim Nicholas", is written over the printed name and title.

JIM NICHOLAS

Chief

Division of Transportation Programming

Enclosures

- c: Mark Brucker - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Barbara Goodwin - Council of Fresno County of Governments
- Tony Boren - Council of Fresno County of Governments
- Muhaned Aljabiry - Caltrans